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978 AT COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Federal Loan Approved For New Dormitories

Official notification has been received from Washington that the St. Joseph's College request for a federal loan with which to build two new dormitories has been approved. The loan, to be made through the Housing and Home Finance Agency, will amount to \$460,000.

The two dormitories, which will be located on the west side of the campus near where the old barns were razed, will house 98 students and two prefects each.

The first, which has been partially financed by the Catholics of the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana, will be named Bennett Hall, in honor of one of St. Joseph's most illustrious and devoted alumni, Bishop John G. Bennett. The other dormitory will be named Archbishop Noll Hall, for another long-time friend and staunch supporter of the college, Archbishop John F. Noll of the Fort Wayne diocese.

Although plans and specifications are completed and approved, contracting has not been started. It is not known here at present

just how soon this will be permitted.

Total cost of the two buildings, including furnishings, bringing in utilities, landscaping and roads, is expected to amount to approximately \$650,000.

The \$460,000 loan, at a 3½ per cent interest rate, is to be amortized in forty years. Such loans, arranged to help colleges provide for expected expansion during the next few years, are to be used only for housing, according to the government requirements.

Bl. Gaspar Approved For Canonization

Final approval for the canonization of Blessed Gaspar del Bufalo, founder of the Society of the Precious Blood, has been announced in Rome. At this writing, no date has been set, but the canonization is expected to take place sometime this summer.

The special Blessed Gaspar Supplement, included with this issue, was prepared by Father James Hinton, faculty moderator of "Stuff," assisted by Joe Kneip, editor, and several of the Precious Blood seminarians.

National Officer Nominees Given; Voting by Mail

At a recent meeting of the nominating committee, Jim Cooney of Woodstock, Ill., and Bill Curosh of Whiting, Ind., were named as nominees for the office of president. Both nominees are members of the class of 1940.

Also nominated were three alumni for the office of first vice-president and four for the office of second vice-president.

Balloting will be done by mail, on the forms provided on page 8 in this issue of CONTACT! Each member should vote for one nominee for each office. May 12 has been set as the deadline for mailing ballots to: Secretary, Alumni Association, St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Ind.

The nominees for first vice-president are: Frank Gartland, '08, of Marion, Ind.; Syl Moebis, '29, of Chicago; and Bob Kaple, '38, of Ottawa, Ohio.

For second vice-president: Col. Herman Schmitz, '11, of Lafayette, Ind.; Fr. Anthony Suelzer, '34, of Hammond, Ind.; Lawrence Moriarty, '38, of Canton, Ohio; and Dick Cody, '41, of Louisville, Ky.

Alumni in Louisville Reactivate Their Club

The Louisville alumni chapter was reactivated at the Communion Breakfast on March 21, with William C. Dieruff, '42, elected president.

James G. Thornbury, '35, was elected secretary.

A committee for further arrangements is composed of: Richard E. Cody, '41; John H. Ford, '46; James F. Heckmann, '34; Frank G. Kraft, ex-'27; George Sheehan, '40; Wallace H. Spalding, '43; and Mosa D. Sphire, '35.

Many Groups Lay Organization Plans

The St. Joseph's Communion Breakfast has been pronounced a wallowing success by all concerned! In the 23 centers where the breakfasts were held, a total of 978 people attended. Of these, 542 were alumni of St. Joseph's; the rest were members of their families.

Program activities varied widely in the various centers, but nearly all of the groups discussed the problems of organizing locally, or improving the organization already in existence. The group at Gary organized on the spot and elected officers, and the Louisville men reactivated their dormant chapter. Several others voted to have further meetings in the near future to consider organization.

The largest representation percentage-wise was at Indianapolis, where 35 alumni attended the breakfast. At the South Chicago breakfast, where the largest actual number turned out, 53 alumni and 45 guests were present.

In tallying up the questionnaires which were distributed and filled out at the meetings, Father Lefko has found that 75 per cent of those expressing an opinion are in favor of having Alumni Day coincide with Homecoming in the fall. Sixty-four per cent were in favor of Keeping CONTACT! as the official alumni paper, rather than switching to a "news-letter" style, as many other alumni associations are doing.

The Communion Breakfast will be continued as an annual event. There was no doubt as to alumni wishes in this respect—95 per cent voted in its favor.

Gary Alumni Chapter Organized at Breakfast

Charles Vichuras, '34, was elected as the first president of a Gary alumni club, organized at the Communion Breakfast on March 21.

The secretary of the new chapter is Dan McDevitt, '50, and the treasurer is George McGuan, '48.

James Shay, ex-'28, was elected first vice-president, Bill Kennedy, ex-'49, second vice-president, and Fred Steininger, '38, third vice-president.

To Choose Delegation By Mailing of Ballots

Election of eight delegates from the American Province of the Society of the Precious Blood to attend the canonization ceremony for Blessed Gaspar and the General Chapter in Rome this summer will be accomplished by mail balloting. Original plans were for an Electoral Chapter to be held at St. Joseph's in April.

Forms for the secret ballot have already been mailed to the C.P.P.S. priests.

Msgr. C. Isсенmann Is Named Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Clarence Isсенmann, '27, Vicar General of the Cincinnati Archdiocese, has been named Auxiliary to Archbishop Karl J. Alter and Titular Bishop of Phytea, according to an announcement made by the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, D. C.

Msgr. Isсенmann's elevation to the hierarchy brings to a total of eight the bishops who have been educated at St. Joseph's.

Bishop-elect Isсенmann, who has held the unusual distinction of being a Prothonotary Apostolic since 1949, has served as both Chancellor and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

He is a native of Hamilton, Ohio, where he was born May 30, 1907. After preparatory studies at St. Joseph's and at St. Gregory's Seminary, he studied theology at Mt. St. Mary's and was ordained June 29, 1932.

The Cincinnati prelate studied at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology. He also studied in Rome, where he won the Ph.L. degree. In 1936 he was sent to Denver, where he became a member of the staff of the "Register" system of newspapers.

Upon his return to Cincinnati in 1938, he was named associate editor of the "Catholic Telegraph-



Register." That same year he was appointed secretary to the late Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., a position he held for four years.

The Bishop-elect served as administrator of St. Susanna's Church in Mason from July, 1941, to July, 1942, and then was named

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In Korea . . .



PVT. ROBERT W. CARNEY, ex-'53, is now serving as a finance specialist with the Third Infantry Division in Korea. Bob, is a son of Mrs. William R. Carney, 7309 Constance Ave., Chicago, entered the Army in June 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Joseph Trentman Dies In Ft. Wayne Hospital

Joseph B. Trentman, '00, died last month at the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne after a short illness. He was 70 years old.

Born and raised in Fort Wayne, Mr. Trentman was educated at the Cathedral Boys' School and at St. Joseph's.

A member of St. Jude's Church, he is survived by his widow, a daughter, and one sister.

Henry Leugers Elected President at Celina

Henry Leugers, ex-'39, of Maria Stein, was elected president of the Midwestern Ohio Alumni Club at a meeting held April 4 in Celina.

The 27 members present also elected Arthur Brophy, '50, of Chickasaw, secretary-treasurer; and David Sower, ex-'37, of Coldwater, and Clem Froning, ex-'29, of Chickasaw, as trustees. John Hinders, ex-'47, who remains in office as vice-president for his second term, presided at the meeting.

The next event scheduled by the club is a family picnic sometime during the summer.



A. LINCOLN PIOTROWSKI, '43, is to be married June 12 to Miss Mary T. Keough at St. Jerome's Church in Chicago. Officiating at the Nuptial Mass will be the Rev. James Stapleton, '29, C.P.P.S.; the Very Rev. Raphael H. Gross, '32, C.P.P.S.; and the Rev. Marcellus Drelling, '30, C.P.P.S. The couple plan to reside in Barrington, where a new home is being built.



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Brother Cletus, '18

We Hear

from CHICAGO, Illinois

Here's another list of the names in the picture. A few include me. Please send this picture or another back to me as there are many pictures there I don't have and I lost the one I had.

Incidentally at that time we had a very industrious photographer who, whenever the circumstances permitted or he could get three or more before his camera, pictures were taken and orders taken. I'll bet he has the debt paid on his parish at Earl Park, Ind.—Msgr. Copenolle.

Enclosed find \$2.00 for subscription.

Lawrence T. Ward, '11

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from VERMILION, Ohio

Sunday after Mass Rev. Cletus Gates, '27, our Pastor, called my attention to the 1901 baseball picture, asked if I could fill in the two blanks. The one next to Fr. Hoerstman is none other than Rev. Rudolph Stoltz, '02. The other one is Jim Bach, '04. My grandchildren get quite a kick from the picture. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chas. A. Van Flandern, ex-'97

Sunnyside Beach

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from TOLEDO, Ohio

Expect to make a vacation trip to Cleveland, O., leaving Toledo Thursday, April 8th.

Am making this appeal to you for information regarding a former classmate, Charles (Trapper) Van Flandern. One source of information lists his home address as Vermilion, Ohio, and another one as Rocky River, O. Do please give me what information you may have, and I thank you in advance.

Very respectfully,

Alfred J. Hepp, ex-'22

907 Nevada Street

(Editor's Note: It looks like "Trapper" is found.)

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from CHICAGO 38, Illinois

I am an alumnus of St. Joseph's College, year 1951, at which time I received a B.A. degree. Now, at this time I think it appropriate to let you know that I have received the degree of Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago on Friday, March 19, 1954.

I have worked for this degree evenings since graduation from St. Joseph's and during the day have been employed. At the present time I am employed at Motorola, Inc., as an accountant. It was indeed a pleasure to visit St. Joseph's last fall when my wife and I saw a football game there. I also enjoyed the opportunity to greet some of my old friends at that time. We look forward to another visit to St. Joseph's some day.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Vladoro, Jr., '51

5941 West 64th Street

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from SWARTHMORE, Penna.

Just a note to say "Hello" and advise you that I received from mother the notification of the coming Alumni meeting in Kankakee. Believe me, I was thrilled to hear such good news. But, of course, coupled with the pleasure is my sorrow that I shall not be able to attend. For it seems that the

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Donors . . .



THREE LITTLE RED-HEADS in Muncie are among St. Joe's most ardent supporters. Margaret, Michael and Maureen Miller, who are personal friends of Father Henry Druffel, recently mailed their donation for "The St. Joseph's College Expansion Fund"—a silver dollar, a paper dollar, 80 pennies and other miscellaneous pieces of money—amounting to a total of \$3.50. That much will go a long way toward a greater St. Joseph's; and the youthful spirit and Christian generosity that prompted the gift will go even further!

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Alumni Quickies

An honored guest at the Collegeville Communion Breakfast was **Con J. Fecher**, '14, and wife of Dayton, O., who spent the weekend visiting their youngest son Roger, who is enrolled at St. Joseph's Xavier Hall. Con is still teaching and impressing on folks the necessity of having life insurance . . . **C. Fred Moore**, '30, holds the position of job foreman with the Skilton Engineering Corporation in Louisville, Ky. The Moores have three sons and a daughter and live at 1800 Windsor Place . . . **Alfred J. Wight**, ex-'35, is a member of the sales force of the Louisville Chemical Co., a position which he assumed in 1936. He has been honored as "Top Salesman" during the course of his service with the Company . . . Academic basketballer of yesteryear, **John J. Wunderlich**, '43, started managing the H. F. Wunderlich Insurance Co., in 1946. The Wunderlichs live at 317 Third St. Aurora, Ind., and little Susan Marie had held sway since April 25, 1953 . . . Back in 1918, **George E. Annen**, '15, joined the Western Union Telegraph Co. in Chicago. He has been chief clerk in the Purchasing and Stores Department since 1921 . . . Eight years after he tucked his sheepskin under his arm, **Andrew C. Bourdow**, '38, was owner of his own Insurance and Real Estate Co., in Saginaw, Mich. Andy acted as manager of the Bourdow Grocery for three years, had a four year hitch in the Army with the honor of a Bronze Star, ETO, with five Clusters, and was a salesman two years with the Sunshine Biscuit Co., before going into the insurance and real estate field . . . **Thomas W. Brell**, ex-'50, is credit correspondent for the De Vilbiss Co., in Toledo. In spare time Tom works with the CYO as coach and official throughout the year . . . An accountant partner in the Northwestern Motors Corporation in Hoxie, Kansas, **Norbert F. Dreiling**, '38, is still at the position which he assumed upon graduation. During World War II Norb rose to the rank of Major and won the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster. The Dreilings have four daughters . . . Taking studies at the University of Louisville while working as accountant for B. L. Curry & Sons, veneer manufacturers, **Arthur H. Voll**, ex-'40, hopes to receive his B.S. in June. He has had over ten years of auditing and accounting work since leaving St. Joseph's . . . **Thomas H. Schnieders**, '53, has enlisted in the two year aviation cadet training program and has been assigned to the Lackland Air Force Base, Texas for training . . . According to the latest information we have recorded, the class of '96 now has one surviving member, **Frank C. Flentye**, 407 Second St., LaPorte, Ind. . . Three prominent Newton County agriculturists, **Robert Bower**, '44, **Robert O'Neil**, ex-'44, and **Carl Strasser**, ex-'32, were among the alumni group representing that area at the breakfast held in the College Dining Room. **Frank J. Pavalko**, '51, organized the delegation. During the course of the breakfast we learned that Carl Strasser who likes golden brown coffee, has to milk the cow for his supply of cream—the Mrs. takes her java straight . . . **Robert J. Reynolds**, ex-'50, is engaged in electrical engineering work with the General Electric Co., near Louisville, Ky. . . The mother of **John Millott**, ex-'54, informs us that he enlisted in the Navy in June 1951, and is now aboard the aircraft carrier, U. S. S. Saipan. The carrier was one that provided air cover for the transfer of prisoners of war to Formosa early this year . . . Out in Laramie, Wyoming, **Donald Basko**, '52, who is in postgrad geology studies, wrote that he would not be able to attend the regular St. Joseph's Communion Mass or Breakfast at any center, but joined the alumni group spiritually at Mass and Holy Communion on that day . . . "Tooth puller" **Joseph A. Toth**, '42, has been located since World War II in his native South Bend, Ind. Joe spent three years in the Air Corps. Three boys and two girls help keep the Toths busy at 1352 E. Dubail . . . As a member of the Barrett Funeral Directors, **J. Raymond Barrett**, ex-'54, who joined the group in 1950 is now assistant manager . . . A little bird has whispered in our ear that there is not much in CONTACT! about the OLDTIMERS. Statistics in our files show that the good "oldtimers" are quite naturally very much outnumbered. And in addition, our files of communications and information concerning them is pretty much in the same proportion. In this issue we have enjoyed the strokes from the pens of some from back in the '00 era, and hope that the flow will continue . . . **Captain George J. Riggs**, '53, of the '52 Penna grid edition, who also demonstrated that St. Joe athletes can bring down high marks by doing an outstanding job as editor of **Phase**, is now a junior accountant with Christen, Brown, McCroskey, and Rufer in Louisville . . . **1st Lt. Salvatore V. Squicquero**, '45 medical officer at Ellington A. F. B., Houston, Texas, lives at 3117 Darling Ave., Pasadena, Texas. The Squicqueros have two sons and one daughter . . . Photographer **Leonard J. Holland**, '51, was the first to hurry his finished product to the

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BLESSED GASPAR DEL BUFALO

Canonization: What's It Like? - Reporter Gives Preview

By Donald Dirksen

The silver trumpets in the gallery triumphantly pierce the irrepressible waves of hand-clapping, the fluttering handkerchiefs, and the cries of "Viva il Papa," welcoming the Pope as he enters St. Peter's for the most sublime of all ceremonies—the canonization of a Saint. The Sovereign Vicar is borne in procession on the "Sedia Gestatoria, (litter-like conveyance) with the feathery "flabelli" waving over his head, to his elevated throne in the apse of St. Peter's.

St. Peter's capacity of 80,000 bulges into the Great Square. People stand everywhere! There are neither pews nor benches. Only one aisle is left in the center. Statues are laureled. The windows and pillars of the basilica are draped with purple damask and crimson flem-

ish tapestries. Flood lights and hundreds of chandeliers with 12,000 bulbs supply a blaze more brilliant than the light of day. The statue of St. Peter is decorated with the tiara, the jeweled ring, and crimson cope of state. Banners paint scenes from the life and miracles of the Blessed [Gaspar], and the final step in the canonization of a Saint reaches its acme in a \$50,000 ceremony.

Holy Father beseeched

At length one of the Consistorial Advocates approaches the throne and in the name of the Cardinal Procurator beseeches the Holy Father: "Most Holy Father, the most Reverend Cardinal here present earnestly begs of Your Holiness to inscribe the Blessed [Gaspar], in the catalogue of the Saints of Our

Lord Jesus Christ, and to ordain that he be venerated as a Saint by all the Christian faithful."

The Pope himself does not answer. One of the papal prelates replies that His Holiness has no more ardent a desire, but that more prayer and time are needed. The Pope comes down from the throne and kneels in prayer at the faldstool as the Litany of the Saints is intoned.

A second plea is made with the words, "more earnestly." The Pontiff remains kneeling and chants the Miserere. Arising, he intones the "Veni Creator Spiritus" for the beautiful Sistine choir.

A third plea is made

Now a third plea is "most earnestly" made. Kneeling with arms outstretched before the Pontiff, the

papal spokesman commands him: "Arise, Peter, in person, living in your Successor, and speak." Turning to the thronged faithful, he continues, "And do you listen in reverence to Peter's infallible pronouncement."

The triple crown is set on the Vicar's head. He stands and all the people arise with him. Speaking as the Infallible Leader of the Catholic Church, he solemnly declares:

"In honor of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, for the exaltation of the Catholic faith and the increase of the Catholic religion, by the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and by Our own; after ma-

ture deliberation, ever imploring the Divine Assistance, by the advice of our Venerable Brethren, the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, the Patricarchs, Archbishops, and Bishops present in the Eternal City, We decree and define as a Saint, and We inscribe in the catalogue of Saints the Blessed [Gaspar], ordaining that his memory be celebrated with devotion every year in the Universal Church."

Te Deum is sung

His Holiness then intones the jubilant Te Deum. High above the dome the silver trumpets echo the refrains with heraldic brilliance.

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'29, '34, '47 Miracles Play Role In Cause

By Don Ranly

It was as recently as 1947 that a miracle obtained through the intercession of Blessed Gaspar set the Congregation of Rites to begin working for his canonization. Since two miracles are necessary for the Church's confirmation of sainthood, the miracle in 1947 and one in 1929 were to be used. However, the 1947 miracle was not approved by the medical commission and a miraculous cure occurring in 1934 took its place.

In 1947, Maria Seraphina Blanca of a small town called Putignano, near Barr in southern Italy, had been suffering for 22 years from what was diagnosed as chronic gastro-intestinal catarrh. X-rays had revealed that her right kidney was dislocated. In 1946, at the suggestion of the Fathers of the Precious Blood, she turned to Blessed Gaspar. During the night of March 1, while lying in her bed, she suddenly found herself in the Mission House of the Fathers of the Precious Blood. In her presence was a missionary whom she at once recognized as Blessed Gaspar. He asked her what she wanted of him and after she had told him, he assured her that she would no longer be ill. The woman has been in good health ever since.

Commission not satisfied

The medical commission, however, was not satisfied. A few of the doctors would not exclude the possibility of imagined or produced symptoms of gastro-intestinal catarrh, although other doctors proclaimed definitely that the patient knew nothing of medical lore, much less about a disease called gastro-intestinal catarrh.

Although not used for the necessary two miracles, this cure was indeed significant because, as mentioned above, it called the attention of the Congregation of Rites to the cause of Blessed Gaspar. The case which at that time was to be used with it was the miraculous cure of Francesco Campagna. The cure took place at Campoli Appennino, near Sorra, about sixty miles southeast of Rome on May 19, 1929. The patient had gone from influenza to bronchial pneumonia, with complications of toxemia and meningitis. Death could be only a few hours away. But on that day a new statue of Blessed Gaspar was being carried in solemn procession to the church of St. Pancratius. When the statue passed the house of the sick Francesco, the mother, who had been asking Blessed Gaspar's intercession for the past few days, commanded the young man to implore Gaspar for a cure. Soon Francesco found himself at the window watching the procession. After it had passed, he was able to walk back to his bed, his headache gone. An examination the next day showed lungs, heart, temperature, and respiration completely normal.

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Official Announcement Arrives From Rome; Date Not Settled

By Joe Kneip

Official confirmation of the forthcoming canonization of Blessed Gaspar del Bufalo was received at the college, Tuesday, March 30. The news had been sent by cablegram from Rome to the Provincial Curia in Dayton, Ohio. Expectations of the canonization of Blessed Gaspar, founder of the Congregation of the Precious Blood, have been prominent since the Vatican Press Office released a statement late in 1953 to the effect that his canonization was scheduled for the near future. No date has yet been set for the ceremony.

The canonization of Blessed Gaspar is one of seven planned for this year. The others to be canonized are Maria Crocifissa di Roma, Italian foundress of the Congregation of the Handmaids of Charity; Peter Louis Chanel, a French martyr and priest; Domenico Savio, one of the first pupils of St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesian Society.

A Spanish Jesuit

Vincenzo Pallotti, an Italian priest; and Giuseppe Maria Pignatelli, a Spanish Jesuit who was the official representative of the Society of Jesus in Italy just before the restoration of the society by Pope Pius VII.

In the same group there are three candidates for beatification: Placido, a member of the Benedictine Order; Maria Assunta Pallotta, a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary; and Jean Martin Moye, French-born founder of the Divine Sisters of Charity.

Preparations in progress

The priests and brothers of the Precious Blood Society are taking steps to be ready for the historic event whenever it occurs. A Provincial Electoral Chapter originally scheduled for St. Joseph's College on April 20 for the purpose of electing delegates to the General Chapter in Rome has been cancelled. The delegates will be elected by mail.

This General Chapter in Rome is scheduled to take place shortly after the canonization, whenever that occurs; and the eight delegates to the Chapter are to double as the Community's official representatives at the canonization ceremonies.

Other Members

Other priest members of the Community may attend the canonization ceremonies at their own expense provided they have the Provincial's permission and can obtain a substitute outside the Community.

The lay brothers of the Community, also, have been invited by the Provincial to elect two of their perpetually professed members to act as official representatives at Blessed Gaspar's canonization.

It was in 1904 that Blessed Pius X proclaimed the first Marian Year to celebrate the anniversary of the dogma of the Conception. In the same year he also raised Gaspar to the first big step on the road to canonization. Gaspar is now taking the second and biggest step together with the very man who beatified him, and he is taking that step in the second big Marian Year.

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Mural in St. Joseph's College chapel: Gaspar preaching to his fellow Romans.

6 Others to be Canonized, 1954 Marian Year 3 to be Beatified, in 1954 Called Fit Time

By Lee Flaherty

The Marian Year of 1954 could hardly be surpassed, from the viewpoint of becomingness, for the canonization of Gaspar del Bufalo. The wealth of evidence supporting such a view is undeniable.

It was during the 50th anniversary year of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, 1904, that Gaspar was beatified by Blessed Pius X. And now in 1954, the 100th anniversary of that same dogma, Pius XII has seen fit to raise both Gaspar and the man who beatified him—Pius X—to the highest honor the Church can bestow, sainthood.

Gaspar, during his lifetime, was very devoted to Our Lady, but he especially honored her under the title of "The Immaculate Conception." Of course, in Gaspar's time it was not a proclaimed dogma yet; it was not until 17 years after his death that Pope Pius IX solemnly declared the Immaculate Conception a dogma of the universal Church. Gaspar, as a priest, had made a vow to preach and defend this privilege of Mary, and he earnestly desired that it be proclaimed a dogma. He also obtained the faculty of distributing to the faithful the blue scapular of Mary Immaculate.

Along with the title of "The Immaculate Conception," Gaspar had other favorite titles for Mary. After his ordination he commonly used the titles "Directress of Missions," "The Victress," and "The Conqueress of Hearts." Wherever he went, he established sodalities in honor of Mary for boys and girls, and he trained them to honor Mary by special devotions to her Immaculate Heart. In 1815, on the feast of the Assumption, Gaspar formally established the Society of the Precious Blood and placed it under Mary's protection. He incorporated into this constitution special devotions to Mary and encouraged his followers to spread her name everywhere.

Now, in the year 1954, the special Marian Year, Blessed Gaspar is to be raised to the heights of the al-

By Eugene Torisky

The six Beati scheduled, along with Gaspar del Bufalo, for canonization in 1954 are: Pius X, Vincent Mary Palotti, Giuseppe Maria Pignatelli, Peter Louis Chanel, Dominic Savio, Maria Crocifissa di Rosa.

In addition, three Servants of God—Maria Assunta Pallota, Jean Martin Moye, and Placido Riccardi—are to be raised to the rank of Blessed.

Seven of the 10 are Italians, two are Frenchmen, and one is a Spaniard.

Blessed Pius X, the 258th successor to the Fisherman's Ring, was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto in the little town of Riese, near Rome, on June 2, 1835. In his youth he displayed an exceptional aptitude for and love of study. His successes were crowned by ordination

in 1858. Father Sarto was consecrated Bishop of Mantua in 1884, and so outstanding was his episcopate that he was made a cardinal nine years later, receiving the See of Venice. Upon the death of Leo XIII, in 1903, Giuseppe Cardinal Sarto was elected Pope by an all but unanimous ballot. His reign was distinguished by his decree lowering the age for the reception of First Communion, and by his decrees concerning Church music. He died on August 20, 1914, after a reign of 11 years.

A priest at 22

Blessed Vincent Mary Palotti, Blessed Gaspar's confessor, was born of a noble family at Rome on April 21, 1798. He achieved his goal of the priesthood at the age of 22, in 1820. Through personal sanctity he became an astute spiritual director and confessor. On one occasion he disguised himself as an old woman in order to reach the bedside of a dying man, who threatened to shoot the first priest to approach him. Blessed Palotti is remembered as the founder of the Pious Society of Missions. He died at Rome in 1850, and was declared Venerable in 1887.

Blessed Giuseppe Maria Pignatelli was born at Saragossa, Spain, in 1737. He entered the Society of Jesus over the opposition of his family in 1753. Blessed Pignatelli founded colleges in Rome, Tivoli, and Orvieto, and labored to preserve his Society in Italy. During the exile of Pius VII the Jesuits were unmolested in Sicily, largely because of his efforts. He died in 1811, and was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI.

A martyr of Futuna

Blessed Peter Louis Chanel was born at Cuët, France, in 1803. He studied for the secular priesthood and was ordained in 1827. His desire to serve in the foreign missions drew him to the newly formed Society of Mary in 1831, and in 1836 he embarked for his mission, the tiny island of Futuna in the Friendly Islands. After five years of work among these cannibals he

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The Blessed Gaspar shrine pictured above was erected in 1949 under the direction of Rev. Richard Baird at the suggestion of Rev. Alfred Zanolari, then college president. It is situated beneath the large picture window of Melchisedech on the left side of the apse of the college chapel. Strangely enough, when the main altar was carved under the direction of Rev. August Seifert, St. Joseph's first president, over a half century ago, a niche was provided on it bearing the inscription, "St. Gaspar." The wood-carved reliquary now resting at the foot of Gaspar's statue is a souvenir of a World War prison camp and the gift of Rev. Gilbert Esser.—(By Daniel Keilman)

Gaspar Del Bufalo: Historical Sketch Of a Saint-to-Be

By Noel Coughlin

Gaspar Melchior Balthasar del Bufalo was born in Rome on the feast of the Epiphany, 1786, ten years after the American Declaration of Independence and three years before the French Revolution. On the day after his birth he was baptized and christened in honor of the three Magi. Two early childhood illnesses, one a severe case of measles, almost robbed him of his sight and did leave him with a weak constitution for the rest of his life.

The years prior to his studies were stamped with an indelible love for mortification and the Eucharist. He made his fellow altar boys happy, for example, by his predilection for serving an old priest who said his Mass too slowly to suit them. He loved meditation and once tried to enter a strict contemplative order, was even accepted. But there was a catch—he forgot to ask his father. Papa del Bufalo stormed in to the Abbey in protest. Gaspar didn't argue.

Early Zeal

Another time, he decided upon the missionary life. Spurred by impulse, he set out on a missionary journey but got only as far as the end of the block, far short of his destination—the Mohammedans—when he was firmly planted back in his father's house. Gaspar didn't argue this time either.

Then, at the age of eleven, Gaspar entered the seminary with little talent for books, but with a zealous application that was to earn him top honors in moral theology. Finally, when only 22 years old, he was ordained.

As a secular priest Gaspar turned his thoughts immediately toward his fellow Romans. One of his first priestly projects was to open a nightly oratory in the city for the working people who couldn't get to church during the day. At the same time he filled the post of secretary to the Confraternity of Christian doctrine, an organization founded to carry out the will of the Council of Trent in the teaching of catechism.

Exiled to Piacenza

Even at the very start of his priestly life, then, he was ever alert for opportunities to missionize. But his labors were interrupted by the summons of Napoleon's officials, and after a dramatic refusal to cooperate with them he was promptly sent away from this cherished work, from his family, his friends, and all that he knew and loved in Rome (Gaspar had never travelled more than 20 miles from home previously), to the city of Piacenza as a starting point for his dreary years of exile.

Because of his weak constitution,



Blessed Gaspar Shrine at Fribourg, Switzerland

the unhealthy climate put him on what should have been his deathbed. But at this time Gaspar's spiritual director, Francisco Albertini, saw fit to reveal to him that a certain nun had prophesied that there would be "a young man, zealous for the glory of God, who in evil times would be under his [Albertini's] direction. The distinctive mark of the young man shall be his devotion to St. Francis Xavier. He is destined to become an apostolic missionary; he shall found a new congregation of missionary priests under the title of the Divine Blood for the reform of morals and the salvation of souls and as an ornament to the secular clergy. He will draw the people from indifference and unbelief and attract all to love Christ crucified. In an evil day he will be the trumpet of the Precious Blood and will vanquish sinners and sectaries (freemasonry.)" Albertini realized that the prophecy was to be fulfilled in Gaspar and urged him to pray for recovery; Gaspar did and was soon well again.

A new congregation planned
It was to be a while before Gaspar could fulfill the prophetic message completely, for he and the Church were to suffer a good deal under Napoleon's hand. The unwieldy priests who still refused to comply with the tyrant's demands were rigorously disciplined. Gaspar was sent to Bologna where he and his fellow priests could be under stricter surveillance. It was here that Gaspar and Albertini began to formulate plans for a new congregation.

It was here, too, that Gaspar received the news of his mother's death: news which almost crushed him, as there was always a stronger bond than blood between them. In addition to this, force was again applied to win Gaspar over to the Napoleonic cause; if not force, tempting bribes and even flattery. Gaspar still refused and was then made to suffer imprisonment in an old Italian fortress where filth and decay kept him company.

After this came a series of prisonings.
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CPPS Members Honor Gaspar Thru 117 Years

By Joseph Rodak

In the 117 years since Gaspar del Bufalo's death, the Society of the Precious Blood has honored its founder by various liturgical functions, prayers, devotions, and other exercises.

December 28 is the feast day celebrated in all the houses and parishes of the Society with a proper Mass and Office. Besides these liturgical devotions, minor prayers and ejaculations in honor of Gaspar are included in the daily schedule of the priests, brothers, and seminarians. Occasionally in the past, also, members of the Society have left contributions in art, literature, and music to further the veneration of their founder.

In the major houses a triduum is offered in preparation for the feast. This devotion consists of three salutations to Gaspar in the presence of his exposed relic. The Te Deum is

solemnly chanted on the feast day itself. As in the case in the veneration of all Beati, the Mass and Office are proper only to those who have a special connection with the holy person. In the case of Gaspar, the feast is celebrated in all the churches under the charge of the Fathers of the Precious Blood. In Rome, though, it is celebrated by all parish priests, but on a different day—January 2.

Prayers of thanksgiving

The daily prayer for Blessed Gaspar's canonization, said by all CPPS priests, brothers, and students, will now give way to prayers of thanksgiving. This prayer was the result of the combined efforts of the late Archbishop McNicholas of Cincinnati and Father Edwin Kaiser. It bears His Excellency's Imprimatur and a 100-day indulgence.

Another contribution from the pen of Father Kaiser is his biography of Blessed Gaspar. This book, published in 1933, is still the lone major American treatment of Gaspar's life.

Other signs of personal devotion have shown up on canvas. The picture of Gaspar decorating his shrine at Brunnerdale Seminary is the work of Father Paulinus Trost. Another painting of Gaspar by Father Trost hangs in a corridor of St. Charles Seminary. The major Seminary also boasts an impressive shrine to del Bufalo containing a large relic of the patron. The shrine was erected in 1935, when the Messenger under Father Charles Davitt gave a new altar and a dossal for the statue of Gaspar.

Exposition of relic

The shrine of Gaspar in St. Joseph's Chapel is the work of several priests on the campus, especially Father Richard Baird. A relic of the Beatus is permanently exposed and venerated at this altar.

The musicians of the society have left several pieces in honor of the founder. The most popular of these is perhaps the four-voiced Offertory completed by Father Rudolph Bierberg in 1943. Since then "Beati," as the Offertory is called, has replaced the chanted version in the houses of the Society. Father Justin Henkel, who died in 1931, has left two hymns in honor of Blessed Gaspar which are now printed in the Precious Blood Hymnal. The more familiar "Sanguis Christi" found in the same book is the work of Father Othmar Knapke, who died in 1939.

In addition to these devotions, there are a number of incidental clubs, discussion groups, and the like that have chosen to work under the patronage or in honor of Gaspar. The most recent of these is a discussion club set up at Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, Ohio, by Fathers Cletus Foltz, Andrew Pollock, and Anthony Teolis. Its purpose is the study of the life of Gaspar himself.

Study club formed

The priesthood students at St. Joseph's College have a study club whose object is likewise the more complete knowledge of Blessed Gaspar. This club edits the annual pamphlet, "A Salute to Blessed Gaspar." They also have charged the small shrine erected in Xavier Hall for the exposition of a relic of the saint-to-be.

The League of Blessed Gaspar, formed at St. Charles Seminary in the thirties, had as its aim the spread of knowledge of del Bufalo and the promotion of his cause. Under Father Richard Baird the league printed and distributed for the first time in America relic cards of the founder. They also distributed copies of his life and collected petitions for his canonization. At the present time, this club is united with the entire mission unit, which is under the patronage of Gaspar.

More recently, Father Baird has supervised the making of a new bust, charcoal sketch, and oil painting of Blessed Gaspar by professional artists, as well as the publication of his life in a 1949 issue of Topix, a picture book for youngsters.

Canonization

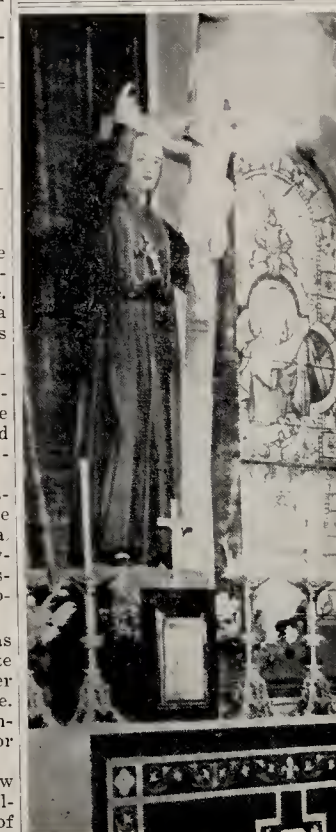
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The mighty bells of St. Peter's chime with the 300 bells throughout the city of Rome to relay the message to the whole world.

The Sovereign Pontiff then offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and delivers a sermon on the new Saint. The epistle and gospel of the mass are both chanted in Latin and Greek. At the offertory a procession of Cardinals, relatives of the Saint being honored, and other dignitaries offer symbolic gifts to the Pope at the throne: candles, richly ornamented to honor the new Saint, loaves of bread gilded or silvered, small barrels of wine and water gilded and silvered respectively, two silvered cages in the form of temples containing turtle doves and pigeons, and a third cage containing other song birds such as canaries. The song birds symbolize the celestial joy of the honored Saint.

Just before the words of consecration all the guards kneel, bringing down their swords in unison. Through both elevations the mellow trumpets play reverently and softly from somewhere in the dome. After the papal blessing the Pope goes again to the "Sedia Gestatoria," but before he leaves the sanctuary, a Cardinal in the name of the faithful and in gratitude for their being honored with a new Saint, presents the Pope with a little Mass stipend—a purse of small coins. It is offered: "For a Mass Well Sung."

Such, in brief, is the scene that will take place in Rome when Gaspar del Bufalo is canonized.



Shrine at St. Charles Seminary

Gaspar Founds Society In Italy

By Gregor Dues

On the Feast of the Assumption, 1815, in Giano, Italy, Gaspar del Bufalo banded together a small group of secular missionaries under the title of the Most Precious Blood. The founding of the new community flowed from Gaspar's missionary zeal and his love for the Precious Blood. The event fulfilled a prophecy made by a nun of the Incarnate Word soon after the turn of the 19th century.

Gaspar began his plans for the new society while in exile at Bologna. He had been sent into exile in 1810 because of his refusal to take the oath of loyalty to Napoleon during the latter's invasion of Italy. After spending four years of imprisonment at Piacenza, Bologna, Imola, and Lugo, he returned once more to Rome. There he found a group of priests who had congregated for purposes much like his own. Laying aside his special plans for a new society, he joined the group. One by one the priests left, and within a year it fell upon Gaspar to officially found the Society of the Most Precious Blood.

Opposition arose

Difficulties and opposition arose immediately after the founding of the new congregation. Some people

thought the title "Most Precious Blood" too sacred to be attached to a group of priests. Many also objected to the large mission cross worn by Gaspar and his followers which before was worn only by bishops. Anonymous letters were sent to bishops and even to the Papal Secretary, Cardinal Consalvi, degrading Gaspar and his mission band. In 1825 Leo XII himself objected to the title "Most Precious Blood." Pius VIII, influenced by the calumny against Gaspar, withdrew in 1829 their special faculties and financial aid. In 1833 Gregory XVI refused to approve Gaspar's Rule. Only years after Gaspar's death did the opposition cease.

The Precious Blood Community existed only in Italy until 1839. In that year Father Francis Brunner founded a seminary in Switzerland. Five years later, during the winter of 1844, Father Brunner with seven priests and seven seminarians left Switzerland for America. The group came at the plea of Bishop Furell, second bishop of Cincinnati, to take care of the German settlers in northern Ohio. After a year of mission work in the vicinity of Peru in northeastern Ohio, the missionaries extended their work to the western part of the

state.

American Province approved

In 1858 the American Province was approved by a general congress of the congregation in Rome. Five years later, 1863, a California Province was attempted, but was abandoned very shortly.

The work of the Society in America was broadened in 1891 to include Catholic education. Later the Precious Blood priests entered chaplain work and the negro missions.

On September 16, 1947, two missionaries of the American Province landed in Chile, South America. Since then 17 priests have followed them—making the foreign missions an important part of the Society's work.

The most recent expansion was the opening of a Spanish Vicariate at Fuente de Cantos on November 29, 1953, by the German Province. The German Province has maintained a Vicariate in Brazil for many years.

The American Province grew more quickly than either the Italian or the Teutonic Province of Germany and Austria. Today there are more than 400 American Precious Blood priests—more than half the total of the entire Society.

U.S. Province Thrives

By John Miller

Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Chile, Brazil, and the United States—these are the countries in which the Society of the Most Precious Blood is active in practically every field of apostolic service. But the American Province has outgrown all the others.

One hundred and ten years ago the first seven Sanguinist missionaries set foot on American soil, and in the comparatively short period of a century the Society has prospered to the point where 402 priests and 69 lay brothers work for the American Church under the patronage of Blessed Gaspar and the banner of Christ's Blood. Added to these are 303 seminarians and six lay brother novices.

Community houses widely scattered

The six Houses of the Community are situated in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Three, St. Charles Seminary, St. Joseph's College, and Brunnerdale Seminary, are institutions of learning, and the other three consist of a Novitiate at Burkettsville, Ohio, for aspirants to profession in the Society, a mission house at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, and the Curia or headquarters for the American Province at Dayton, Ohio.

Early in the annals of its American history the Community began to expand its activities beyond the parishes it had accepted among the German-speaking farmers of western Ohio. One of its first tasks outside of parochial work was the education of Catholic youth, which began with the incorporation of St. Joseph's College in 1889.

200 missions are conducted

A trained mission band of 18 priests conduct over 200 missions, retreats, and spiritual exercises annually throughout the country. A total of 101 parishes are under the direction of Precious Blood Fathers, while in another 34 parishes Sanguinists act as auxiliaries to the diocesan clergy. Thirty-nine mission churches without resident pastors and 42 resident chaplaincies in convents and hospitals are served by members of the Community.

In World War II the Society sent over 40 chaplains into the service, and at present 14 are serving God and Country in the uniforms of all branches.

Recently, in 1947, another step in the progress of the American Province was taken when a small band of missionaries departed for the foreign missions in Chile. It was the first time that such an attempt had been made by American Sanguinists, though several years previously members of the German province, mother of the American one, had established a mission on the Xingu River in the jungle area of Brazil. At present 19 men are working in a number of poor Chilean parishes.

for permission to set up mission houses in the territory. Permission was granted and Gaspar set to work. In this he was positively fearless. Unarmed, unguarded, he walked about speaking kindly to the scoundrels and won them over completely. Towns with scores of bandits were conquered, not by the expense of the government, not by guns and the shedding of blood, but by the religious instruction of a few priests, headed by the indomitable leader, Father del Bufalo.

Blessed Gaspar has never ceased to be an intercessor. Numerous favors, some great, some small, are continually received through him.



Gaspar preaching to robbers

At this time, Canon Verardi, a priest of the vicinity, gave an aunt of Ottavio's some threads of Gaspar's clothing. Ottavio drank the threads in water and the next day and for 30 years after, no sign of the sickness appeared.

The immediate and miraculous cure of Clementina Masini, who had been suffering from chronic peritonitis and fistula, was the accompanying miracle used for Gaspar's beatification on December 18, 1904.

A power over nature

Blessed Gaspar was no St. Anthony during his life, but he did work several miracles which aided him tremendously in his missionary activity. At various times he possessed power over nature, as for example, the time he let no rain fall upon those whom he was addressing while on the outside of the crowd the rain fell in torrents. There are instances of bilocation, times when Gaspar was seen to rise in the air before the Blessed Sacrament, examples of the gift of prophecy. However, Gaspar's greatest gift was undoubtedly his ability to see into the human heart, to penetrate the soul of the sinner and, as it were, move him directly to his Creator.

It was this precious prize that enabled Gaspar to accomplish such magnificent work with the banditti in and around Rome.

Whole towns in the Papal States had been taken over by bandits at this time. The government was helpless; the people, those who were not actually bandits, were rapidly becoming demoralized. Cardinal Christaldi, a great personal friend of Gaspar's, approached the Pope

Founding a New Society



Blessed Gaspar presenting his Rule to the Holy Father

Sketch of a Saint-to-Be

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ons, each one more wretched than the last, until finally in 1814, after four years, he was free to launch his missionary career. This he did with all the spiritual force built up during the years of exile.

An assignment from the Pope

His work was soon called to the attention of Pius VII who listened with pleasure at the reports concerning this new credit to the Roman clergy; as a result the Pontiff personally assigned Gaspar to the home missions. Del Bufalo promptly obeyed the Holy Father's wish even though he was at that time nurturing a desire to enter the Jesuit order in an attempt to satisfy his ever present desire to mortify himself in the peace and solitude which the monastery offers. This assignment was the foundation on which he was to build his own community, the Society of the Precious Blood. The story of its establishment is told elsewhere in this issue.

Though beset by all the worries and setbacks that the growing pains of a new order entail, Gaspar still

managed to carry on his regular mission work around Rome. Not content with overthrowing the cancerous freemasonry, he set his sights on the organized gangsterism of Italy as well. This story, too, is told elsewhere in this issue.

The strain of this mission work coupled with worries about the new community began to take its toll. Preaching was growing harder for the founder. Seven years he had almost continually suffered from inflammation of the gums, and he was now losing his teeth. His lungs and voice became weaker; stomach disorders harassed him; tuberculosis was ever imminent; but despite all, he was able at times to work as if he were the picture of health. These times became fewer and fewer until one of the most heroic acts of his life toppled whatever resistance he had.

The then dreaded cholera broke out within the papal states; the epidemic swept towards Rome and engulfed that city with all the terrors of the plague. The Pope had ordered the preaching of penance to the people in an attempt to calm them and to make them petition God for help. Gaspar was one of those assigned; and he went to it with his usual enthusiasm.

While everyone able was fleeing Rome, Gaspar arrived from Albano where he had been staying and set

Six Other Saints, Three New Beati This Year

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was martyred in 1841. He was beatified on November 16, 1889.

Blessed Dominic Savio was born in the tiny village of Riva di Chieri in Piedmont on April 2, 1842. He was one of the first pupils of St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesian Society. Though only 15 years of age at the time of his death in 1857, he had attained a high degree of sanctity. Pope Pius XII beatified Blessed Dominic in 1950.

Blessed Maria Crocifissa di Rosa was born in Italy in 1813. She sanctified many by the congregation she founded, the Handmaids of Charity. She died in 1855, famous for the virtues of obedience and patience, and was declared Venerable by Blessed Pius X in 1909.

Martyred in Italy

Venerable Maria Assunta Pallota was born in Italy in 1878. She joined the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, and at the age of 26 was sent to Shan-si, in China. Exactly one year after leaving Italy she died a martyr's death at Toug-eul-Ken, China. The cause of her beatification was introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1923.

Venerable Jean Martin Moye, founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence, was born at Cutting, Lorraine, in 1730. He was fired by a missionary zeal equalled by few men, and spent the years from 1773 to 1784 at Sut-tuen, in China. He was forced to return to Europe because of ill health. Exiled by the French Revolution, he died while ministering to the sick during a typhoid epidemic at Trier.

Venerable Placido Riccardi, a member of the Order of St. Benedict, was born at Trebbia in Umbria in 1844. He joined the Benedictines in 1866, and took final vows on March 26, 1871. He died a holy death in 1915, distinguished by his devotion to the mysteries of the Passion and to the Mother of God. Pius XII introduced the cause of his beatification and canonization in 1945.

about to fulfill the Holy Father's demand; and when the cholera did strike Rome, he did his best to alleviate suffering wherever possible. This sapped his remaining strength, and upon returning to Albano, he was forced to his bed. He still managed, however, to say his office and celebrate Mass in the mornings. But eventually the doctor forbade both, and on December 23, 1837, Gaspar was confined to his little room, which he would never leave again. He died five days later.

Founder Beatified In 1904 By Pius X

By John Falter

Even the Devil's Advocate had to admit that his case against Gaspar had crumbled to pieces when it came to tireless preaching, painful journeys, and uncomfortable priestly labors. Personal sacrifice—that was the fortress against which the Advocate had made his attacks in vain. Of all Gaspar's armor, it was this weapon which had shattered the affront of the Devil.

(The Devil's Advocate, officially the "Promoter of the Faith," is the ecclesiastical lawyer whose job it is to prosecute the cause of the saint in question. Regardless of how ridiculous his criticism may become, he will hold before the court the saint's every fault, imperfection, and oddity. He promotes the Faith in the sense that he permits no phony pretender to reach canonization.)

A decree of Gaspar's beatification states the following:

"He thought no work of love or charity out of his way, and he spared no pains to help men gain Christ."

Heavenly things came first

He did not lay aside his free time for himself. It was spent in caring for the sick and the poor and in visiting prisons. He took per-

sonal interest in orphans and obtained support for them. Anything in general that had to do with the saving of a soul or the honor of God was given first attention, without regard for his own convenience. In all matters he placed the heavenly above the earthly, others above himself. For example, even when a charitable work might endanger his health, states the decree, he exchanged the rest he could lawfully take, for bringing to men a greater knowledge and love of God.

Yet Gaspar's course in the process of beatification was by no means easy. Before he could be called Blessed, he had to survive three important obstacles. They were the acceptance of the cause by Rome, a thorough investigation which followed, and the approval of two miracles worked since his death. Concerning the latter, an experienced investigator once said with a smile that "some of the miracles of our Lord would not pass the scrutiny of the Congregation."

Proof of virtues needed

Of the three barriers, however, the miracles are not the most diffi-

cult to surmount. The examination of the saint's personal life is more important. It must be proved conclusively that he has practiced the Theological and the Cardinal Virtues—each in a heroic degree. The inquiry on this point is long, systematic, and thorough. Humanly speaking, there is not a chance for anyone but a saint to get by.

Two and a half years after Gaspar had died, his cause had begun. It had been in demand from the moment of his death. The town which had harbored his body had become a center of thronging pilgrimages. Cardinal Falconieri of Ravenna had ordered collections in his arch-diocese to boost the cause to an early start. Fifteen years later the first stage of the process was completed. Pope Pius IX, in 1852, recognized the worthiness of the cause and approved.

Finally, 52 years later the beatification process was brought to a successful conclusion. On Dec. 18, 1904, Pius X in the midst of joyful celebration raised the founder of the Society of the Precious Blood to the honor of the Blessed.

Virgil Robbins Takes Over as Track Coach

April 3—Virgil Robbins, who for the past five years has been the head athletic coach at Kentland High School, has taken over for this season as track coach at St. Joe's.

Mr. Robbins, who plans to retire from high school teaching at the end of this school year, was a track star and captain of the Wabash College team from 1920 to 1924. Since that time he has been engaged in high school coaching, with remarkable success in all fields, including track.

About 30 men reported for track workouts at St. Joe's on March 22, but the weather has been a big hindrance to consistent progress. The eight-meet schedule is due to open at Ball State on April 6. All meets slated for this year are to be held away from the home campus.

- The schedule:
- Apr. 6—Ball State
 - Apr. 24—Rose Polytechnic
 - Apr. 27—Valparaiso
 - May 1—Manchester
 - May 4—Franklin
 - May 8—ICC Meet at DePauw
 - May 15—Little State Meet, at Ball State
 - May 22—Big State Meet, at Purdue

East St. Louis Group Plans Picnic for August

A family-style picnic for August 15 was planned during the Communion Breakfast in East St. Louis. At the picnic the alumni will consider the formal organization of a chapter in the area.

The general opinion expressed at the breakfast was that any chapter started in that particular area should include only those alumni living in St. Louis and southwestern Illinois. It was suggested that other chapters be established in Missouri, perhaps at Sedalia and at St. Joseph.

- Golf Schedule**
(Rev. Joseph Smolar, Coach)
- Apr. 8—Bellarmine (Louisville)
 - Apr. 10—Ball State*
 - Apr. 22—Chicago U.
 - Apr. 30—Indiana State
 - May 3—Glenview Naval Air Station
- * Home matches—At Hazel- den Country Club, near Brook.

Willie Kellogg Chosen Captain of Cage Squad

At a meeting of the St. Joe basketball squad last month, the Pumas elected Willie Kellogg, guard, Captain of the team. Don Merki, the record-breaking forward, was elected by his teammates as their Most Valuable Player of the year.

The Pumas also elected an All-Opponent team for the 1953-54 season as follows: Joseph Lee of Indiana State, and Keith Greve of Butler, as forwards; Carl McNulty of Geat Lakes, as center; and Edward Eckart of Valparaiso, and Rex McCoy of Wabash, as guards.

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professor at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and treasurer of the archdiocese. He was placed in charge of St. Louis' Church, Cincinnati, in December, 1946.

The appointment as Auxiliary Bishop is the climax of a rising career for the Cincinnati prelate, who has been a member of the Archdiocesan Board of Consultors and Archdiocesan Building Committee. He was named a Papal Chamberlain in 1943 and a Domestic Prelate in 1945. His appointment as Prothonotary Apostolic gave him the highest Monsignorial rank just short of the Episcopacy.

Students Beat Faculty In NFCCS Benefit

St. Joe's Monogram Club recently took on the basketballers of the college faculty for a hard-fought game in benefit of the Overseas Fund of the NFCCS. The youngsters came out on top, 42-29.

Bob Wasni and Fred Handler paced the winners with ten and nine points respectively. Fr. Norman Schmock, with near-sensational shooting, led the faculty with ten points. Fr. Dan Schafer was a bulwark of defense for the oldsters.

Juniors Slate Work For Biggest Prom Yet

Preparations for the "biggest Junior Prom yet" are moving along like clock-work, conforming to the rigid work-schedule the boys imposed upon themselves at the beginning.

The Ralph Materie band, rated by "Downbeat Magazine" as the number one band in America, will be providing the music in a "penthouse" setting. John W. Good of Springfield, Ohio, is in charge of the penthouse decorations, which will envelope the entire gymnasium.

Terry MacCarthy of Chicago is prom chairman, and Jim Zid of Berwyn, Ill., is chairman of the weekend program. Father Joseph Otte and Randall Decker are faculty moderators for the class.

The lads are hoping for a big alumni turn-out to help effect the proper "penthouse" atmosphere!

June Prospects

Concluding the listing of graduating seniors who will be available for employment in June, the following prospects were supplied by the St. Joseph's Placement Bureau to which queries should be mailed concerning any of the numbers.

Mathematics major, Physics minor. Desires position in Theoretical Mathematics. Single, age 21. (No. 54-48)

Mathematics major, Physics minor. Wishes position as Technician Assistant or Actuary Assistant. Single, age 21. (No. 54-28)

Marketing major. Wishes employment in (1) Marketing, (2) Sales, or (3) Personnel. Single, age 21. (No. 54-29)

Geology major. Desires position in fieldwork or other allied fields. Single, age 24.

Chemistry major. Background in Analytic and Research Chemistry. Desires position on the Research Laboratory staff of eastern organization. (No. 54-28)

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Quickies . . .

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editors of CONTACT! Len presented the Gary Communion Breakfast officers, and Father Edwin Kaiser, '15, addressing the group . . . Former Puma lineman, "Heinie" M. Kauffmann, '47, has been a partner in public accountants, Imhof, Veatch, and Kauffmann since 1951. The Kauffmanns who live at 3808 Norbourne Blvd., Louisville, Ky., have two sons and a daughter . . . George J. Reynolds, ex-'50, is employed by Lockheed of Marietta, Inc., at Atlanta, Ga. He lives at Apt. 4, 4143 Sequoiah Road, Brookhaven . . . During the past fourteen years Raymond J. Zirnheld, '34, has been salesman for the Bloemer Food Sales Co. in the old home city, Louisville. Salesman Ray likely finds it necessary to make a sizable delivery for the family group at 3518 Hyeliffe Ave. as there are six youngsters ranging from Ray, Jr., 15 years of age to two year old Gary . . . A card from George J. Cross, ex-'41, informed us that George and wife and two sons were observing St. Joseph's Communion Breakfast Day at St. Joseph's church in Redding, Calif. Their Shasta Marina is being opened to resorters on Lake Shasta. George says: "Very happy to see St. Joe going ahead." Many happy returns to the Cross family . . . Former cheer leader James G. Thornbury, '35, may have tossed away the megaphone, but he is still "whooping it up" as District Sales Manager for the McCormick Co., manufacturers of spice, extract, and tea in the Louisville sector. There are two boys and two girls in the Thornbury household at 3506 Hyeliffe Ave. . . .

Diamond Prospects Bright

By VINCE AGNEW, '54

April 6—The St. Joseph's Pumas played their opening baseball game helatedly at Franklin Monday, and came away with a 3-1 victory.

Prospects for the diamond squad seem better than ever this year with the return of last season's eight regulars plus the club's star moundsmen, a contingent that was instrumental last year in establishing the best diamond record in the history of the college, 14-2.

Although wary of overconfidence concerning the tough, 19-game schedule, Coach Jim Beane, starting his third year as diamond mentor, finds it hard to be pessimistic about the new season. Pitching is the big question mark for the Pumas. Dick Dwinell and Ted Ashburner are back, two of the top winners from last year's hurler's with 4-0 and 3-1 records respectively, but six of last season's staff have left via graduation and the Armed Forces.

Using Dwinell and Ashburner as mainstays, with Jim Hoess in reserve, Coach Beane is hoping to build a strong staff with the aid of some promising freshman talent which has been displayed in pre-season practice.

The remaining regulars from last season, led by Bob Wasni, Skip Meyer and George Smolar, will bring back the necessary strength in the field and outstanding power

- Tennis Schedule**
(Rev. Edward Roof, Coach)
- Apr. 9—Butler
 - Apr. 13—Indiana State
 - Apr. 27—Butler*
 - May 3—Indiana State*
 - May 4—Valparaiso
 - May 7—DePauw*
 - May 10—Valparaiso*
 - May 14-15—ICC Meet (at St. Joseph's)*
- * Home matches

Coaches Elect Merki Most Valuable Player

Don Merki, St. Joe's 6-4 junior forward from Chicago, was named by the basketball coaches of the Indiana Collegiate Conference as the most outstanding player of the 1953-54 season. Earlier he had been named to the All-Conference Team.

The hook-shot artist, who has broken or seems determined to break virtually all of St. Joe's scoring records, was named "most valuable" on the ballot of all but one of the coaches eligible to vote for him.

Runners-up were DePauw's Gene Loercher and Butler's Keith Greve.

at the plate. Last year they set a new school record for batting, hitting as a team .36 in 16 games and breaking their own ICC record for team batting in a season, raising it from the .301 mark of 1952 to .304 while taking the conference batting crown.

Coach Beane has been pleased by the showing of this year's crop of "rookies," and feels that such talent as has been exhibited by Gene Eifrid, Al Greto, Jack Phillips and several of the new pitchers will give the team a great deal of help in the rough season ahead.

The schedule this year includes 12 games with ICC foes, two with each of the teams in the conference. The Pumas will be gunning for their second win when they travel to DePauw on Friday to begin competition in the ICC.



NEW COACH BOB JAURON, in the thick of spring football practice, explains a few pigskin fundamentals to three of his Puma linemen.

We Hear . . .

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Army is rather dubious about letting its personnel roam about for such things. However, if not bodily, I shall surely be there in spirit. I pray that the affair turns out a huge success, and a credit to all of you whom I know are working laboriously. I hope some day to see Kankakee as one of the main coqs in a large St. Joe Alumni machine.

Since having been stationed here in Philadelphia, Army life for me has become as pleasurable as can be expected. I'm working as a Personnel Specialist in Headquarters Eastern Anti-Aircraft Defense Command. The job is fairly soft, and the location fine, but still nothing like home. But of course, the monthly wage easily compensates for the Army life in general (?). Always said that I should have joined the Navy. (Do I hear a cheer?)

With a lasting indebtedness to the Society of the Precious Blood, and the perpetual prayer that Almighty God will bless each and everyone of you, I remain,

Gratefully yours,
Jack L. Richert, '53
Hq. & Hq. Battery
24th AAA Group
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from MERRILL, Wisconsin

. That 1901 baseball picture in CONTACT!, March, 1954, stirred dormant ancient memories. The names came easily. Thanks for that peep at the ancient days.

Very sincerely,
Rev. T. F. Kramer, C.P.P.S., '01
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from GARY, Indiana

. Enclosed you will find two pictures I thought you might like to use in the next issue of CONTACT! They were taken at the corporate Communion breakfast of the Gary alumni, held a week ago today at the Marshall House in Gary.

The second picture shows Father Kaiser addressing the group after breakfast. He spoke on the value of a Catholic education, and the serious obligation the alumni members have toward their children in this regard.

I took both these pictures during the morning activities and I can't tell you what a good feeling it was to once more be looking at some of those familiar faces from St. Joe through the viewfinder. It was quite reminiscent of my days as "Stuff" photographer during my sophomore year and again during my senior year at good old St. Joe's.

Respectfully yours,
Lenard D. Holland, '51
832 Van Buren Street.

Official Ballot

National Alumni Association
St. Joseph's College
ELECTION, 1954

PRESIDENT

- ☐ James Cooney
- ☐ William Curosh

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

- ☐ Frank Gartland
- ☐ Syl Moebs
- ☐ Robert Kaple

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

- ☐ Col. Herman Schmitz
- ☐ Fr. Anthony Suelzer
- ☐ Lawrence Moriarity
- ☐ Richard Cody

June Prospects . . .

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Social Science major, Education minor. Desires Personnel or Teaching position, preferably in a medium school system or large industrial company in middlewest or western states. Prepared to teach secondary school. World War II vet. Single, age 27. (No. 54-35)

Business Administration major. Wishes employment in Personnel or Union Management Relations. Single, age 21. (No. 54-39)

Business Administration major, Philosophy minor. Desires employment in medium to large size industrial plant. Particularly interested in Personnel work. Single, age 21. (No. 54-41)

Business Administration major, Chemistry minor. Interested in investigative type of work. Willing to travel. Single, age 25. Veteran. (No. 54-46)

Accounting major, Business Administration minor. Desires job maintaining books of account, preferably in medium-aged firm in the approximate Chicago area. Willing to teach high school. Single, age 21. (No. 54-44)

On the 21st of March . . .



OFFICERS OF THE NEW GARY CHAPTER are shown above with two of the Fathers from St. Joseph's. First row, left to right: James Shay, Fr. Paul White (moderator), President Charles Vichuras, Fr. Edwin Kaiser (guest speaker), William Kennedy. Second row: George McGuan, Jack Jones ('03, Honorary Executive Board Member), Daniel McDevitt, and Fred Steininger.



MARIA STEIN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST COMMITTEE is shown above with the meeting's moderator, the Rev. Herbert Eilerman, '34. From left to right they are: Fritz Giere, ex-'48, of Coldwater; Wally Moore, '50, athletic coach at Maria Stein High School; John Hinders, ex-'47, of Celina; Fr. Eilerman; Bill Mattingly, '52, of Carthage; New President Henry Leugers of Maria Stein; and Henry Alig, '29, of Fort Recovery.



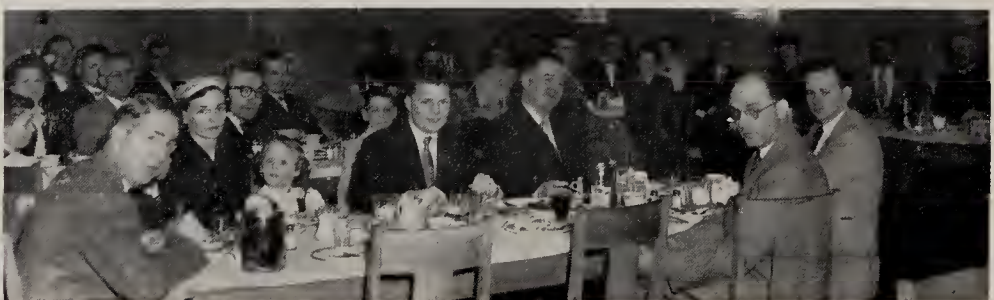
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AT CLEVELAND



AT GLANDORF



AT ST. JOSEPH'S



AT SOUTH CHICAGO